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Boise State University (BSU) <i>Veteran Services Office (an Office of the Dean of Students department)</i>	RK Williams, Coordinator of Veteran Services (208) 426-3744 veterans@boisestate.edu	<p>The Veteran Services Office now has its own location in the Alumni Center building. We look forward to joining and relocating to a new location along with the Disability Resource Center hopefully before the end of 2013. Currently, the Veteran Services Center houses Veteran Services, Vet Success and the Wyakin Warriors Foundation (see separate listings for their services).</p> <p>Every term, Veteran Services certifies the VA educational benefits of nearly 1,100 student Veterans and/or dependents, which comprises one of the largest concentrations of student Veterans in the nation. Students and/or military dependents utilize the on-going services, trouble-shooting, and expertise of our staff and work-study students (themselves all Veterans) enabling their educational benefits to flow as smoothly as possible. Boise State is also a participant in the VA Yellow-Ribbon program which provides matching funds scholarships (along with the VA) to student Veterans with unmet financial need for their educational costs.</p>	<p>Student Veterans and/or dependents apply directly to the VA for approval into their appropriate educational benefit package, and then work with Veteran Services each semester to certify their enrollment, allowing the flow of benefits either to initially start or to continue to flow from term to term.</p> <p>veterans@boisestate.edu</p>
Boise State University (BSU) <i>Wyakin Warrior Foundation (part of the Veteran Services Office)</i>	Roy Ledesma / Tom Byrns (208) 995-9952 ledesma@wyakin.org byrns@wyakin.org www.wyakin.org	<p>Boise State Veteran Services Office has partnered with the Wyakin Warrior Foundation (WyWF) to provide service to Boise State students by having the WyWF located within their offices on campus. WyWF is a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization providing a full-spectrum education and professional development program for severely wounded, injured, or ill Post 9/11 veterans, designed for collegiate success and resulting in a rewarding career after graduation. Also known as the Wyakin Wounded Warrior Academy™, the program provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full, four-year scholarship (including room, board, books, tutoring, and living expenses). • A custom, one-on-one, multi-layered mentoring program by the nation's top leaders in business, industry and government service. Mentorship continues for a full year after graduation. • Monthly professional development seminars by business leaders, public officials and employment experts. • Lifetime membership in a fraternal organization (the Wyakin Warrior Foundation). • A service project, completed while in school, to benefit other wounded warriors. • Robust networking to assist them in securing gainful employment after graduation – not just get a job, but get a good job with upward mobility. 	<p>Apply online at www.wyakin.org</p>

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Boise State University (BSU) VetSuccess on Campus <i>(part of the Veteran Services Office)</i>	Dr. Sean Burlile (208) 426-3754 Sean.BURLILE@va.gov	VetSuccess on Campus is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Boise State University. The VA has placed an experienced Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (Sean Burlile) on the Boise State campus to help student Veterans successfully transition from military life through their college education. As the VetSuccess on Campus Counselor, Dr. Burlile provides counseling services, VA benefits advising, VA Medical Center referrals, career counseling, resume development, VA outreach, and other services aimed at helping student Veterans successfully transition through college.	Stop by the Boise State University Veteran Services Center, or call (208) 426-3744. www.vetsuccess.gov/vetsuccess_on_campus
Boise State University (BSU) Disability Resource Center <i>(an Office of the Dean of Students department)</i>	Wendy Turner, Director (208) 426-1583 DRCInfo@boisestate.edu	The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is responsible for ensuring that Boise State maintains an educationally and physically open, accessible environment for students with disabilities. The Disability Resource Center helps Boise State achieve its goal of embracing diversity by providing access and facilitating independence. Currently located in the Administration Building, however, we look forward to relocating to a new location along with the Veteran Services Office hopefully before the end of 2013.	With documentation of a disability, a student veteran would self-report to the DRC to access and utilize services. Boise State must provide reasonable accommodation to students with documented disabilities. The DRC staff uses documentation as a guideline for determining appropriate accommodations. While doctors may suggest possible accommodations, we are not required to follow the doctor's recommendations. In addition to ensuring access for students, the DRC must also ensure that accommodations do not interfere with the integrity of the class or academic standards of the University. http://drc.boisestate.edu
Boise State University (BSU) Military Science/Army ROTC	LTC (R) Howard Trujillo (208) 426-3500 armyrotc@boisestate.edu	Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), like West Point Military Academy, is the best Army leadership course in the country. During classes, leadership labs, physical training and field training exercises, students will learn firsthand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups, and conduct operational missions as an Army Officer. Upon graduation from Army ROTC, students will be commissioned in the Active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant and remain a leader for life. The curriculum is a combination of classroom instruction of basic leadership, management, oral & written communication skills; physical training, counseling, map reading and tactics with hands-on laboratory participation both indoors and outdoors. We build rope bridges, conduct land navigation exercises, rappel, have paint ball battles, conduct first aid training, set-up a tactical field site, lead each other, and study basic soldier tactics to name a few of the activities. Enrolled ROTC students will take one ROTC class a semester and participate in a physical fitness class and lab exercises. Non-ROTC students can participate in the military-style physical fitness classes.	Interested students can contact the Military Science/Army ROTC department, which is located in Taco Bell Arena between Entrance 3 and the new Arguinchona Basketball Complex through the two blue double doors and up the stairs, or by the listed e-mail or phone number (208) 426-3500. http://sspa.boisestate.edu/militaryscience /

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Boise State University (BSU) Boise State Student Veterans Organization	Eric Fieldstad ericfieldstad@u.boisestate.edu	Our mission is to make Boise State University as veteran friendly as can be. We hold events, fundraisers, and meetings in order to boost our membership as well as our visibility around campus. We will make the University community aware of the veterans on campus and proud of the veterans on campus through our conduct and behavior.	Interested current Boise State students can contact BSUVeterans@gmail.com
Boise State University (BSU) University Health Services	Medical, Counseling and Wellness Services (208) 426-1459 healthservices@boisestate.edu	The mission of University Health Services (UHS) is to provide the Boise State community with an integrated model of delivery enabling our campus partners to retain, enhance, promote, and improve upon their physical, mental, and spiritual health. In serving their constituents, the Medical, Counseling and Wellness departments provide highly skilled and licensed staff, specialized resources, and experiential learning opportunities in support of the overall mission of Boise State University.	UHS is located in the NORCO Building (directly behind the Student Recreation Center). Any registered student has access to our medical, counseling and wellness services. Counseling is also extended to partners of a student. For our student Veterans who would choose to stay on campus for these services vs. accessing the VA Medical Center, our medical and counseling staff are trained to deal with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other service related issues. http://healthservices.boisestate.edu
Boise State University (BSU) Veterans Upward Bound (a TRiO Pre-College Program)	Mark Heilman, Project Director (208) 426-3632 markheilman@boisestate.edu	Boise State's Veterans Upward Bound program serves veterans living in the Treasure Valley area. Veterans Upward Bound is one of several TRiO programs on the Boise State campus and is designed to help veterans prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. We serve veterans planning to attend college, universities, technical schools, certificate programs and more. Our services are FREE and include assessment, individual and group instructional programs, career planning, and other services to support veterans' educational goals.	Academic Services Offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes/tutoring - Math, English, Writing, Computer Basics • COMPASS/TABE assessments to evaluate academic skills • Study Skills Preparation Other services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Inventory • Help with college applications, financial aid, transcripts, etc. • Information about Veteran benefits • Referrals to community agencies
College of Southern Idaho (CSI) Support Activities/Functions for Veterans	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 slindquist@csi.edu	The CSI Veterans Services Committee and the CSI Student Activities Office sponsor luncheons at least once a semester for veteran students. Guest speakers are invited to give presentations about relevant topics. CSI staff members provide updates about campus services available to veterans and students are given a chance to network with each other.	Veterans are notified about these activities through campus email and by announcements in the Veterans Newsletter.
College of Southern Idaho CSI Veterans Student Newsletter	Tara Nunnelley (208) 732-6231 tnunnelley@csi.edu	CSI offers an online newsletter that is available to veteran students. The newsletter is published twice a year, once during the fall semester and then again in the spring semester. The newsletter is emailed to current veteran students and is also available online on the Veterans Services website. The newsletter features happenings/deadlines on campus, VA services in the community, and services that are offered on campus.	Newsletters are emailed out and available online on our veteran services website. www.csi.edu/veteransServices

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College of Southern Idaho (CSI) CSI Veterans Scholarship	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 slindquist@csi.edu	The CSI Foundation sponsors three \$1000 scholarships to three veteran students each year. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have been honorably discharged within the past five years, have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0, and be a full time student.	Veterans need to fill out a CSI Veterans Scholarship application to apply. Students can download an application online or get an application at the CSI Admissions and Records Office. www.csi.edu/veteransServices
College of Southern Idaho (CSI) CSI Veterans Services Website	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 slindquist@csi.edu	The CSI Veterans Services website contains information about the different educational benefits the VA offers, how to apply for them, important policies and VA resources both on and off campus.	Veterans access the CSI Veterans Services website through the CSI website which is located at www.csi.edu . The web address for the CSI Veterans Services website is www.csi.edu/veteransServices .
College of Southern Idaho (CSI) CSI VA Educational Benefits Services	Tara Nunnelley (208) 732-6231 tnunnelley@csi.edu Carol Carlile (208) 732-6237 ccarlile@csi.edu	The CSI Admissions and Records Office currently have staff members who are trained as VA Certifying Officials and provide assistance to veterans who are applying for and using their VA educational benefits.	Students may call, email, or stop by the Admissions and Records Office for assistance on using their educational benefits. The student may be directed to the CSI Veterans Services website (www.csi.edu/veteransServices) and/or the US Department of Veterans Affairs website (www.gibill.va.gov) to read information and apply for the educational benefit.
College of Southern Idaho (CSI) Campus Wide Services	Scott Lindquist (208) 732-6252 slindquist@csi.edu	Veterans at the College of Southern Idaho have access to many services that are provided to the whole student body. They include but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising Center: Provides advising services to students. Select Advising Center staff has been trained on how to best assist veteran students. • Career and Counseling Services: Provides career counseling, job seeking skills and short-term personal counseling to students free of charge. • Student Disability Services: Provides adaptive services to students based on their documented disabilities. • Student Health Center: Provides basic medical services free of charge to both full time and part time students. • Learning Assistance Center: Provides tutoring services free of charge to students. 	Veterans do not need to apply for these services if they are current CSI students.

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<p>College of Western Idaho (CWI)</p> <p>Veterans Services (Registrar's Unit)</p> <p>Education Benefits</p> <p>Montgomery GI Bill (Ch. 30)</p> <p>Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch. 33)</p> <p>VA Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch. 31)</p> <p>Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves (Ch. 1606)</p> <p>Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Ch. 1607)</p> <p>Dependents Education Assistance (Ch. 33) c</p> <p>Survivors & Dependents Assistance (Ch. 35)</p> <p>Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)</p>	<p>Crystal Van Komen, Manager/ VA Coordinator (208) 562-3206</p> <p>vaspecialist@cwidaho.cc</p> <p>Laura Woodall, Specialist VA Educ. Benefits Specialist</p> <p>laurawoodall@cwidaho.cc</p> <p>Aleysha Canary VA Educ Benefits Specialist (208) 562-3260</p> <p>aleyshacanary@cwidaho.cc</p> <p>Jenny Johnson VA Educ Benefits Specialist (208) 562-3463</p>	<p>The College of Western Idaho is striving to be a destination campus for our nation's veterans and their dependents. Our One Stop Student Services staff and Veteran Specialists strive to provide new and continuing students with a host of services in a comfortable and welcoming environment. It is our goal to make transition into College life as seamless as possible.</p> <p>CWI provides assistance to prospective and enrolled student veterans and dependents. CWI certifies enrollments for approximately 500 benefit eligible veterans every fall and spring semester. CWI also participates in the Yellow Ribbon program offering 20 slots to out of state veterans that need assistance with their tuition. Most notably, our staff can assist students in accessing their GI benefits, completing the admission application process and requirements, and registering for courses.</p>	<p>Apply for Admissions to CWI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete CWI Application online • Pay \$25 application fee • Request Official transcripts (High School, College or GED) to be sent to CWI <p>Submit COMPASS test</p> <p>Apply for VA Educational Benefits</p> <p>Each semester, veterans receiving educational benefits must submit CWI's Veterans request for certification form to initiate the certification process. This form ensures that the veteran understands his/her rights and responsibilities while enrolled at CWI. This form also allows the VA specialists to review all of the veteran's registration and enrollment information in order to make sure that everything is submitted correctly to the Department of Veteran Affairs. Veterans have the ability to indicate a new program or benefit on this form. Once the VA specialist recognizes the change the veteran will be contacted by email or phone with further instructions. Enrollment will not be submitted to the VA without the submission of CWI's request for certification form, it's imperative that this form is turned in each semester once the veteran has completed the registration process.</p>
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<p>College of Western Idaho (CWI)</p> <p>Disability Services</p>	<p>Terri Scofield Disability Services (208) 562-2495 terriscofield@cwidaho.cc</p> <p>Heather Grayson Disability Services (208) 562-2447 heathergrayson@cwidaho.cc</p>	<p>CWI Student Disability Services provides services to our students by coordinating effective academic access support services and collaborating with students, faculty, staff and community to create diverse and inclusive learning environments which are accessible to all.</p>	<p>Student veterans need to contact Disability Student Services (DSS) to request academic accommodations.</p> <p>Under state and federal law, individuals are eligible to receive academic adjustments on the basis of disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Where the educational or other functional limitations related to the student's disability prevents equal access to an academic program, reasonable academic accommodations or adjustments will be provided to the student.</p> <p>The Disability Services Coordinator, in consultation with the student and other CWI staff as needed, determines DSS program service eligibility and, if deemed qualified as a student with a disability, an accommodations service plan will be formulated to mitigate the effect of the disability and enable participation as provided to others.</p> <p>For additional information please visit http://cwidaho.cc/current-students/disability-service</p>
<p>College of Western Idaho (CWI)</p> <p>Student Clubs and Organizations</p> <p>CWI Veterans Association</p>	<p>Dick Limbaugh cwiveterans@gmail.com</p>	<p>CWI's Veterans Association is a group of student veterans that get together to create a sense of community for Veterans on the CWI campus. This is a newly formed association and they are actively accepting new members and encouraging all veterans who are interested to contact them.</p>	<p>Interested CWI students can contact the Veterans association at cwiveterans@gmail.com</p>

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<p>Idaho State University (ISU)</p> <p>Veterans' Sanctuary</p>	<p>Casey Santee (208) 282-4298</p> <p>santcase@isu.edu</p>	<p>The Veterans' Sanctuary at Idaho State University is the first transition and support program of its kind in the United States. Our mission is simple--to provide first-class service to military veterans of all eras attending ISU. We have a support team to provide assistance with G.I. Bill benefits and to offer guidance on campus from the moment student veterans arrive until they graduate. Our "one-stop-shop" approach allows vets to access all campus services through a single office.</p> <p>The Veterans' Sanctuary is ISU's response to the urgent need for veterans' services expressed by veterans' groups throughout the country. The program features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration events which streamline the registration process and provide access to many campus and community services • Orientations for new student veterans • Free skills training courses prior to enrollment to increase academic success and save hard-earned GI Bill dollars • Free tutoring in all subjects • Resources for disabled vets, including those with traumatic brain injuries • Access to educational, medical and all other veterans' benefits • Employment assistance • Veterans preference housing • Free group and individual counseling • Guidance to veterans and their dependents on funding their education. This may include connecting them with other campus resources which can help with information on: the GI Bill, the Yellow Ribbon Program, Scholarships and Financial Aid and information regarding Idaho residency status. • A complete veterans support center with a conference room, lounge and a kitchen • Student-run veterans clubs • Free professional clothing for ISU veterans preparing for professional interviews • Resume reviews and mock interviews • Opportunities for outdoor recreation with other veterans • Events and activities for student veterans, and much more 	<p>All ISU student veterans, military members and cadets are eligible for Veterans' Sanctuary services. They just need to stop by the office or call to access these services.</p> <p>Our program is built on partnerships between ISU's various departments and within the community. We also consider our student veterans as partners in developing the Sanctuary. We survey them every spring, and many of our projects/services have stemmed from their input.</p>
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Lewis Clark State College (LCSC) LCSC Veterans Club	Laura Hughes, Director Financial Aid Office (208) 792-2224 veterans@lcsc.edu finaid@lcsc.edu	The Veterans Club functions to bring veterans and dependents of veterans together to share experiences and to provide common information and activities. The Veterans Club hosts guest speakers from the VA and within the last couple of years the club has raised funds to support veteran activities including supporting a shipment of goods sent over to our troops in Afghanistan.	Meetings on campus are announced to the student population and an invite is emailed to VA education beneficiaries. http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/default.htm http://www.lcsc.edu/studentclubs/clubdetails.asp?id=26
Lewis Clark State College (LCSC) VA Education Services	Laura Hughes, Director Financial Aid Office (208) 792-2224 veterans@lcsc.edu finaid@lcsc.edu	Assistance is available in processing and providing counseling to potential students eligible for VA education benefits; certifying education benefits to the Veterans Administration; and monitoring degree programs for eligible students. Services also include one-stop shopping in the following areas from the Veterans Coordinator: Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Professional Judgment for loss of income (FAFSA), and Degree advising.	Apply for benefits via www.gibill.va.gov and visit with the Veterans Coordinator on campus. http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/default.htm
North Idaho College (NIC) Veteran's Benefits (GI Bill) Veterans Advisor	Kecia Siegel (208) 769-3281 kecia_siegel@nic.edu Curley Lawson (208) 769-8027 clawson@nic.edu	<p>The Veterans Coordinator provides assistance to veterans and dependents that are eligible to receive various educational benefits. The coordinator processes all paperwork associated with veteran's benefits ensuring students are able to receive their benefits and attend NIC. Students eligible for benefits should contact the coordinator at least eight weeks prior to the beginning of the semester to assure timely submission of their claims. Information regarding outreach services such as medical assistance, job service, etc., can be obtained from the coordinator. The Veterans Coordinator co-advises the Veterans Club.</p> <p>The Veterans Advisor is available for academic advising and Veteran specific resources and support. The Veteran Advisor can help identify, reduce, or resolve issues that may be a barrier to the veteran student's academic success and overall wellbeing. The Veterans Advisor is a liaison and advocate for the veterans on and off campus. The Veterans Advisor co-advises the Veterans Club.</p> <p>The NIC Veterans Center provides those who have served (or are serving) in the Armed Forces and their families/supporters with an enriching social environment and the resources to overcome barriers on their path to attaining educational excellence.</p> <p>Veterans Services provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Lap • GI Bill, admissions, and financial aid counseling • Access to a disability support liason • Referrals to campus support services 	<p>Veterans can apply online at www.nic.edu and navigate to the Veterans services tab. Veterans can meet with the Veterans Advisor or Coordinator to address specific needs or a New VA Student Checklist can be emailed to the student with embedded links that will go to the appropriate websites or pages.</p> <p>http://www.nic.edu/websites/default.aspx?dpt=64&paggeld=</p> <p>http://www.nic.edu/Websites/index.asp?dpt=49&pageID=1229</p> <p>Contact the Veterans Advisor or Coordinator by phone, email or in person.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public presentations and speakers • Workshops for veteran and military students • Veteran quality of life education / training • Veterans Day Luncheon • Veterans Campus Orientation <p>On Campus Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Services • Center for Educational Access (CEA) • College Skills Center • Student Health and Counseling Services • Writing Center 	
North Idaho College (NIC) Veterans Services	Curley Lawson (208) 769-8027 clawson@nic.edu	<p>Veterans Administration benefit counselors are directly available to each veteran by phone through the Veterans Administration regional office in Boise (1-800-827-1000); or call the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551.</p> <p>The NIC Veterans Club provides Veterans and their allies a social environment, resources, and tools that encourage camaraderie, positive growth and community engagement.</p>	<p>Veterans can apply online at www.nic.edu and navigate to the Veterans services tab. Veterans can meet with the Veterans Advisor or Coordinator to address specific needs or a New VA Student Checklist can be emailed to the student with embedded links that will go to the appropriate websites or pages.</p> <p>Veterans their allies and supporters can join the Veterans Club during any scheduled meeting.</p>
University of Idaho (UI) General James F. Amos Veterans Center (also known as Veterans Assistance Office)	Dan Button (208) 885-7979 dtbutton@uidaho.edu Scott Oplinger (208) 885-7989 soplinger@uidaho.edu	<p>The University of General James F. Amos Veterans Center in the Idaho Commons building, rededicated on May 11, 2012, serves multiple "hub" functions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UI Veterans Advisor office (Reporting directly to Vice Provost, Dean of Students) • GI Bill Certifying and Assistance (all 5 chapters) • UI Academic Support, Disability Support, and Career Services Support offices colocation • Referral Office to/for other UI services and support to/for veterans, e.g. Counseling & Testing Center, Financial Aid Office, Admissions and Registrar's offices, and Academic Advising • Referral Office to/for local and regional VA services other than GI Bill as well as to community partners supporting our veterans including veterans' service organizations and businesses <p>Student Veterans of America (SVA) UI chapter office and resource room in shared space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop in or call for specific appointments/services Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Email Veterans Assistance Office at veterans@uidaho.edu • Website: http://www.uidaho.edu/dos/veteransaffairs <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Center vision and plan includes scheduled recurring visits and office hours by the Latah County Veterans Service Officer and visits to bring VA services from VA personnel in Lewiston, Spokane, and Walla Walla. • Veterans Center is a two-room "storefront property" inside the front of the Idaho Commons building right off the 3rd floor main lobby, sharing prominent "off-rotunda" space with the Associated Students University of Idaho (ASUI) offices entrance, the UI Volunteer and Community Engagement office, and other offices mentioned above.

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<p>University of Idaho (UI)</p> <p>Operation Education (OpEd)</p>	<p>Dan Button (208) 885-7979</p> <p>dtbutton@uidaho.edu</p>	<p><i>Operation Education</i> is a leading scholarship and assistance program for disabled military veterans and/or their spouses. It is available to military personnel who have sustained permanent disability (that severely impacts function of one or more major life activities) while serving our nation since September 11, 2001. The program offers a comprehensive package with three vital components that are customized to meet the individual's (or family's) needs. Each individualized plan addresses the academic, home and social, and financial challenges the veteran may encounter during his or her transition back to civilian and higher education life. Priority is given to Idaho residents and to those whose injury and disability result from action in a combat zone.</p>	<p>Access a downloadable application form from the Operation Education Website. Complete a hardcopy and mail to the University of Idaho.</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Karen Burnett (wife of Acting UI President Don Burnett) and Mrs. Bonnie Amos (wife of Commandant of the Marine Corps General James Amos) serve as honorary co-chairs. • Advisory Council formed September 9, 2011 currently chaired by Mr. David Decker. • Operation Education was created in 2006 by former UI President White and his wife Karen and has supported 20 scholars to date (5 current including 1 spouse). • Annual recognition event for scholars and their families in conjunction with UI Military Appreciation Day in the fall of each year. • Continuing goal to serve as a "model program" and an example for other higher education institutions nationwide to honor and help our most severely injured and permanently disabled veterans. <p>www.uidaho.edu/OperationEducation</p>
<p>University of Idaho (UI)</p> <p>Recurring Activities/Functions in Support of Veterans & Their Families</p>	<p>Dan Button (208) 885-7979</p> <p>dtbutton@uidaho.edu</p>	<p>The University sponsors/conducts several events/observances each year in honor of our military personnel/veterans to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Appreciation Day (MAD), a daylong event in conjunction with a home football game every fall (date varies). Army ROTC and Athletic Department together with Dean of Students Office and the President's Office plan year-around for this event to honor University and surrounding community veterans and their families. • POW/MIA Recognition Day, an annual September full combined ROTC cadre (Army, Navy/Marine, and Air Force) parade and ceremony to pause, observe, and honor this national day of recognition; hosted by the University President on the Admin Lawn, center of campus, with a featured guest speaker who is either a former POW or family member or is tied to past or ongoing POW/MIA recovery efforts. • Veterans Day activities and observances including a reception and program honoring veterans (and families') sacrifices, a 	<p>Veterans and many, many others across the University participate in the planning and support for these functions/observances. Invitations are proffered, both formal and advertised more generally.</p> <p>The "Command Climate" for supporting veterans and their families at the University of Idaho is second to none, starting at the top and permeating down and across all business units and organizations, including non-veteran students. There is never a doubt that our veterans are supported, honored, and appreciated and that we are not only an official nationally recognized "Military-Friendly Institution," but more importantly, a safe-haven for our veterans' transitioning and reintegrating back from their military service into the different and challenging higher education culture.</p>

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		wreath-laying ceremony on the steps of War Memorial Gymnasium, and inside the Commons, a "Veterans Wall" and a Fallen Comrade Ceremony and vigil honor guard featuring our veterans, current serving National Guard and reservists, and our ROTC and active duty members. The University President and other University leaders attend and/or participate in all these events.	
University of Idaho (UI) Veterans at the University of Idaho (Vets UI), a member chapter of Student Veterans of America (SVA)	Aaron Willeford Club President (208) 885-7165 uiveterans@gmail.com	Vets UI promotes the well-being and ensures the welfare of student veterans as they transition from military life to civilian life while seeking a college degree. An official school club recognized by the Associated ASUI, the Veterans at the University of Idaho aims to recognize veterans as unique students, and to provide them with beneficial resources and information. Additionally, they offer veterans of all branches an opportunity to meet fellow veterans. Their goal is to maintain those bonds formed while still in uniform as an organization where veterans can come together and socialize and be with other UI students who share similar life experiences. Not only for student veterans, faculty and staff members of the University of Idaho who are also veterans are welcomed and included. Officers of the club have represented all four military services and the Coast Guard. The club office is within the Veterans Center in the Idaho Commons building in the center of campus.	Through the UI Veterans Center (VC) or through accessing the SVA Website and/or UI Veterans Facebook page, or through referral by other student veterans or the veterans advisor. Services include peer advising, counseling, and support as well as fellow veteran academic tutoring/help. Vets UI club meetings are every other week throughout the fall and spring semesters. Club activities include special event support like Veterans Day, Military Appreciation Day, Memorial Day, and other aperiodic university and local community functions. Club officers attended the SVA National Leadership Summit in Madison, WI in June 2011 to network and share "lessons learned" and strategies to enable student veteran success. An annual philanthropic fund-raising event is sponsored by the Club. http://www.uidaho.edu/DOS/veteransaffairs/veterans-at-uidaho-club or https://www.facebook.com/VetsUI
University of Idaho (UI) GI Bill & Other Veterans Advisor Services	Dan Button (208) 885-7979 dtbutton@uidaho.edu Scott Oplinger Assistant Veterans Advisor (208) 885-7989 soplinger@uidaho.edu	UI has a dedicated Veterans Advisor reporting directly to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Dean of Students. The duties, functions, and responsibilities of and provided by the Veterans Advisor include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as GI Bill School Certifying Official (SCO) to the Veterans Administration for all GI Bill chapters (30, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607). • Collaborate with VA Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation) counselors and case managers throughout Idaho and in neighboring states to ensure University support and service delivery. • Provide advice, guidance, and/or referral to authoritative resources for prospective and current GI Bill student (and 	Drop in or call for specific appointments/services Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Email veterans@uidaho.edu , call (208) 885-7989/7979, or access Veterans Assistance Office Website at http://www.uidaho.edu/dos/veteransaffairs

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		<p>occasional faculty and/or staff) veterans, including external inquiries from active duty/Reserve/Guard service members worldwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as co-advisor (along with new Assistant Veterans Advisor Scott Oplinger) for student Veterans Club. • Coordinate/collaborate with Student Financial Aid and the VA to participate in the VA Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) Yellow Ribbon Program; currently 35 Fall-13 students (50 slots) receiving 100% "waiver" of their full out-of-state tuition, increased from 12 the first year and then 24 and 30 the last two academic years since inception of this newest GI Bill program. • Provide internal referrals to co-located UI Academic Support, Disability Support, and Career Services Support offices; provide additional referrals to/for other UI services and support to/for veterans, e.g. Counseling & Testing Center, Financial Aid Office, Admissions and Registrar's offices, and Academic Advising. • Provide referrals to/for local and regional VA services other than GI Bill as well as to community partners supporting our veterans including veterans' service organizations and businesses. • Advocate for and facilitate services and understanding University-wide for veterans' unique situations/needs/challenges/barriers. <p>Serve as <i>Operation Education</i> Scholarship Committee Chair and OpEd Services Coordinator.</p>	
	<p>Student Accounts Technician Katherine Clancy (208) 885-2132 kclancy@uidaho.edu</p>	<p>Student Accounts Technician Processes military submitted and authorized Tuition Assistance ("TA") requests and payments.</p>	

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Troops to Teachers	<p>M. Scott Fife Idaho State Representative LTC, US Army (Ret.) (208) 362-3421</p> <p>mscottfife@hotmail.com</p>	<p>The Troops to Teachers program gives military personnel the resources they need to make the transition from military service to service as public school teachers. Aspiring teachers can access information, advice, and financial aid from Troops to Teachers to help them get into the classroom.</p> <p>Benefits for school hiring authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A life of military service makes our clients ideal teachers: maturity, diversity, leadership, world knowledge, team players, role models. • Our clients have expertise in critical needs subjects: math, science, special education, CTE/PTE. • Proven higher retention rate: deliberate second career choice, passion for teaching • Lower life-cycle cost to school districts: entering career field later in life, military supplemental income 	<p>Getting started: Register online www.proudtoserveagain.com or contact regional office about general information, teacher preparation programs, and teacher licensure/certification options.</p>
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